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MEMORANDUM TO: Executive Director, NPIC

FROM:

Chief, CIA/PAD(NPIC)

SUBJECT:

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1. As requested, the following comment on I. G. Report Recommendation No. 9 is submitted for your consideration:

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Recommendation No. 9

"The Deputy Director (Intelligence) instruct the Assistant
Directors for Scientific Intelligence, Research and Reports,
and possibly other offices to detail a specified number of
analysts for training in photographic interpretation and
assignment to the National Photographic Interpretation Center
for a period of a year."

Comment:

Do not concur for the following reasons:

- A. One year's time would not suffice to train and utilize personnel detailed from other offices. The man would just begin to be really useful as a PI at the termination of his one year period.
- B. To even hold the prospect of being somewhat productive, personnel would have to be selected by name by PAD--and not by instructing other offices "to detail a specified number of analysts....."
- C. It would be far more effective to continue with
 the active recruiting program now underway to obtain,
 and train, permanent employees, who would remain and
 continue to develop their PI capability year after year.
 For example--PAD now has personnel on board,
 applicants in process, additional for which
 processing has been requested--toward a FY '63 T. O.
 of Since 1 January 1962 PAD has reviewed some
 applications, interviewed applicants, recommended
 for processing, and placed in process.

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2. In addition, you stated that we could also comment on other portions of the report. Consequently I would like to comment generally.

As a whole, the report was quite good as far as NFIC is concerned. However, it proved to be a major disappointment as far as the photo interpreter is concerned, particularly to PAD. PAD has existed for a much longer period than the other detachments, and we trust and hops we have made some contribution to the development of NFIC (including reporting methods, work procedures, types of reports, graphics analysis, data handling, etc.), as well as to the advancement and acceptance of photo intelligence generally. With the only references to PI's being mainly the need for them—or specific, and unfounded, derogatory comments such as the non-acceptance of other than World War II mensuration techniques—the report proved to be sorely disappointing and incomplete to say the least.

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